

BROWN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Brown County Traffic Safety Commission was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

Present:	Karl Ackerman	Chad Opicka	Dan Van Lanen
	Rachel Constine	Michael Panosh	Tom Witczak
	Peter Flucke	Dan Sandberg	Randy Wiessinger
	Dave Hansen	Andrea Schultz	
	Kimberly Hess	Bob Schuurmans	

I. Call to Order

Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

II. Approve Minutes

Motion was made by Flucke and seconded by Witczak to approve the minutes from the July 2016 meeting. **Motion carried.**

III. I-41 Construction Update

Schuurmans reported that everything is now open and the only thing left to do is some landscaping and other small projects. A construction project will start tomorrow at the ramp from Webster Avenue southbound to STH 172 westbound where there are a lot of rear-end crashes. There is also going to be access limitation at STH 57 and CTH K due to crashes at this area.

IV. Multi-Jurisdictional OWI Task Force Update

Panosh stated that DOT has a contract with the Packers to be at the next two games with their "Choose Your Ride" vehicle for OWI awareness. The Speed Task Force is over now and will be replaced by the OWI Task Force and Seat Belt Task Force.

Ackerman stated there have been approximately 189 OWI arrests this year. The procedure has become more time-efficient, which puts the officers back on the road right away.

Panosh reported there have been 441 fatalities so far this year, which is above the five-year average and more than last year. Seventy-two were motorcycle fatalities, which is the same as last year. There have been 12 fatalities in Brown County so far this year.

V. BOTS Updates

See above.

VI. Third Quarter Traffic Fatalities

Sandberg reviewed the seven fatalities in Brown County for the third quarter:

07-11-16, CTH X at Glenmore Rd. (double)
07-29-16, STH 57 at CTH K
08-09-16, N. Ashland Ave. at Parkview Rd.
08-23-16, CTH B and Corporate Way
08-28-16, I-41 SB at Birchwood Rd.
08-28-16, CTH NN at Bufka Ln.

Sandberg noted that two of the fatalities were teenagers who were not wearing a seat belt. He also stated that three of the motorcycle fatalities in Brown County this year were not wearing a helmet.

VII. LE Technical Assistance to Increase Seat Belt Use Study

Sandberg stated that Brown County is one of five pilot programs in the nation chosen for seat belt education as Wisconsin falls below the national average of 88% for seat belt use, at 86%. Sandberg stated he had the DEOs conduct a seat belt count at several locations and found only 79% wearing seat belts. Sandberg had seat belt education handouts made for distribution at businesses. He will also get banners made. For the second semester of the school year, he wants to get volunteers at the high schools to check for seat belt use by students at the entrances and exits for a period of 21 days (the amount of time it takes to build a habit). Maybe issue some kind of award to those who do wear their seat belts. Statistics show that seat belt usage is even lower for the 16-25 age range. He might also have the DARE program incorporate something into their classes. Also have banners put up at the schools. He also noted that minorities are less likely to buckle up kids. He also wants to put something out on Facebook.

VIII. Citizen Appearances

None.

IX. Other Business as Allowed by Law

Hess reported that the last car seat check of the year will be held on November 16, 2016, at Bergstrom in Green Bay.

Schultz reported that the Health Department is holding a public health event at Shopko Hall this Saturday, October 15, 2016.

Flucke talked about the Operation Frogger crosswalk pedestrian education safety guide. He also stated the Bike League has put out a "Smart Cycling" manual, which is available on their website (www.bikeleague.org). He stated a bicyclist education class will be held this coming spring.

Constine reported there will be a public meeting this week about changing the intersection at Ashland Ave. and Parkview Rd. where the fatality occurred in August.

Sandberg stated he is looking for a member of the medical community, preferably from the trauma field, to be on the Commission.

Sandberg will put together a case study for discussion at a future meeting reference the STH 57/CTH K fatal.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, January 10, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent
Recording Secretary